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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the invention of the first Species. Claims 1-5, 10, 18, 19, 27 and 31 read on the elected species. Claim 1 was identified in the Office Action as being generic to more than one of the species. It is respectfully submitted that claims 10, 18, 27 and 31 are also generic to more than one species.

Respectfully submitted,

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